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JAPANESE CONTRACT LABOR.

The little protection that the American laboring man has had for a number of years through the operation of the Chinese exclusion act, is not long to be a defense to him unless legislative enactment comes to his rescue.

The prohibitive agitation which began in 1877 arising from the importation of Coolie Chinese labor, was very great especially in California and other states and territories on the Pacific coast. After many scenes of violence and bloodshed, congress was forced to take remedial steps in the matter, and at the sessions of 1881-2, a measure was passed prohibiting the importation of Coolie Chinese labor for 20 years. In 1902 this restriction will be removed by the expiration of the law.

The condition under which we now live should emphasize the fact that America is for the most advanced and thrifty people of the civilized world, and not an asylum for abandoned and outcast people, which the practices of oriental tyranny and sloth have made. The brotherhood of man is a good subject to talk about when referring to a common fatherhood, in which is seen one blood and a common origin of all men, but the presaged millennium is not yet come; men have not ceased to squeeze the life out of the fellow with whom he meets whenever personal gain accrues therefrom; since corporate power takes no cognizance of a fellow feeling, labor has to keep an eternal vigilance to preserve the rights that they now have;—all these considerations demand the exclusion of any element that would work more ill and bring distress to numerous homes.

A few years ago the Japanese seemed to win the plaudits of the world in their contest and victory over China, and the American people looked upon them as a national force that before many years would forge their way to the front and walk beside the leading powers of the earth, but a generation cannot make a great man or a great nation. Hence our sanguine hopes have had the bottom knocked from them by the importation of Japanese contract labor to the Pacific coast, which shows that "there is something rotten in the State of Denmark."

Nothing seems to cause such distress in society as that which accompanies economic disorder, and every American free man displaced by the introduction of cheap labor tends to bring about an agitation not easily or immediately remedied.

Recently the Rio Grande Western railroad, following the example of the Union Pacific, have introduced numbers of Japanese as section hands on a large portion of the main line. These laborers are direct from Japan, and came into this country under contract.

The section bosses, who are white men, being unable to endure such surroundings have resigned their positions. Of course, the railroad managers disavow any attempt to go into the whole sale business of contract labor, and give as their reason that white men cannot be induced to work on the long stretches of desert through which their road passes. If that were true, should not, then, the company give them a white man's wages?

The fact is, the American laboring man has to compete in the most open market of the world, while capitalists and corporations are fattened by the operation of a high protective tariff.

DOMINIE WOODWARD'S FLOP.

Three weeks ago Brother Woodward was a Boer sympathizer; he isn't now. He doesn't believe in the "sympathy racket." The sign that used to adorn the kitchen door of this venerable gentleman when times were hardest—"No Tramps Fed Here"—is proof of that. He would disagree with the good, old lady who would always feed the hungry boy when he knocked upon her door and asked for bread, "for," says she, "I have a boy that's away from home up on life's rough ocean, and I do not know but what sometime he, too, may be thrown out of employment and be forced to knock at some other mother's door for something to eat, and I know that if I feed the hungry one, though sometimes he may be unworthy, the

Lord will provide for the boy I love when distress overtakes him."

Brother Woodward preached an Easter sermon April 22. In announcing that a collection would be taken the following Sunday for the famishing people of India, he extended his remarks touching upon the war which England is waging upon the liberty loving farmers of South Africa, and denounced in no uncertain terms the unjust and domineering course of the mother country in spending \$800,000,000 to subjugate a free people when millions of her caucasian subjects in India are looking starvation in the face, without receiving any very material aid from the Johnny Bulls. He also conveyed the impression that, had he the disposition of the money raised, it would be applied to no such purpose.

Sunday, the Reverend proclaimed this gospel to the world—"Paradise is Under the Shadow of Swords"—Mohammedanism revived. Without a word of warning, so far as he is concerned he sounded the death knell to the hopes and rights of the two little South African republics. He would have England conquer! He would have that nation the highest civilized trample the God-given rights of its inferiors in the dust and exercise cruelty against whatsoever is cruel—lex talionis. Civilization is not the child of great armies and powerful navies. Christ taught a civilization, ay, a philosophy, that will outlast the armaments of war.

The Dominie reasoned thus: When one man does wrong to another, a third party is justified in doing wrong to him. The Boers, if it is admitted, hold slaves and are cruel to the natives; therefore, England is justified in taking away the lives, liberty and property of the Boers.

The New England colonists were unjust and cruel to the Indians; therefore, George III was justified in taking away their natural and God-given rights.

Two wrongs make a right. A does wrong to B, which justifies C in doing wrong to A. B is wronged by A, which is wrong, while A is wronged by C, which is right.

Evil sometimes eventuates in good. (Instance, the selling of Joseph by his brethren). Therefore, he that doeth evil which results in good is not an evil doer but a doer of good. Slavery was introduced into America and the slaves were Christianized, which was a good thing. Therefore the stealing of men and women is good.

Good and bad actions do not consist in intention or quality of an act but on results. Therefore, let us do evil that good may come. St. Paul says of those holding these views: "Their damnation is just."

When a person is unprogressive and exclusive in politics or religion, then a progressive person is justified in taking away his property, political and civil liberty.

It is claimed that the Boers are unprogressive and exclusive in religion and politics; therefore, Great Britain, an assumed progressive nation, is justified in seizing the territory of the Boers, and in taking away their civil and religious liberty.

The Puritans were unprogressive in politics and religion; persecuted the Quakers and banished the Baptists and others. Therefore, George III was justified in his oppression of the colonists and the depriving them of civil and religious liberty.

The above arguments are in direct line with those put forth by Rev. Woodward, Sunday, and if the gentleman thinks that any undue advantage has been taken of him, the columns of this paper are open.

The Inheritance Tax.

The Supreme court of the United States has decided that the inheritance tax provided for in the war revenue law is valid, and that the statutes which exempt government bonds from taxation do not apply in the case of inheritances. So many court decisions have been rendered affirming the validity of this style of taxation that it would seem as if the executors and beneficiaries of large estates would soon tire of their effort to overturn inheritance laws and escape the payment to the state of the taxes which they exact.

The subject has received much careful consideration from the best legal minds and the most progressive students of public affairs in recent years, and an inheritance tax has come to be recognized as a just and permanent source of public revenue. Most states have adopted it, and it was incorporated in the national statutes by reason of the greater demand for revenues occasioned by the Spanish war. It is there to stay. It entails no hardship on anyone. It is a tax on a privilege granted by law, and it serves the purpose of retributive justice, since few great estates were ever created without a great deal of tax dodging by the man who accumulated it. A large lump sum taken from one when it passes, at death, from one owner to another, partially makes up for years of evasion of just payments to the public treasury.—Kansas City Star.

Senator Jones of Arkansas has introduced a bill to prevent and punish blacklisting by railroad companies, sleeping car companies, express companies, steamboat companies, telegraph and telephone companies, engaged in interstate commerce, and also to provide a civil remedy in damages for blacklisting. Corporations are directed to keep a record of employees, and every employee is entitled to see his record. The bill prohibits blacklisting for participation in a strike or labor trouble. Officers or employees of a corporation convicted of blacklisting any person are to be punished by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ten years. This has a genuine ring to it, but how can the dear children of the administration bear to turn their parents out of doors and deny their name. The crow of the cock is not apt to find them guilty.

Germany's activity in South America worries the administration for the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine. McKinley, following his own sweet will, has practically abolished the doctrine of Monroe. By this time rigor mortis has set in. Either imperialism or the Monroe Doctrine must down.

To judge from the gigantic strikes for higher wages occurring all over the country it would appear that the "foul tin pails" Mr. McKinley alluded to in his stump speeches last autumn have been emptied and further filling material is not to be had.

The St. Louis suburban street car strike has been amicably settled. If corporations' seat of reason were not so often lodged in the stomach, strikes would occur less frequently.

Jeffries is still champion; he put Mr. Corbett out in the 23d round. Physically, the world is prostrate at his feet—a good example of an absolute monarchy.

The haven of contentment for political demagogues is not reached by a single bound, but by a long leap downward.

The big steals in the postal department of Cuba seem to be an all-around pitch-in. The dollar! 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest."

Senator Allen Nominated Bryan. At the national convention of the people's party at Sioux Falls, May 10, Senator Allen of Nebraska, placed in nomination before the convention as a presidential candidate the name of William Jennings Bryan. The speech was brief and to the point, outlining the cardinal points of America's greatest exponent of popular rights. He spoke as follows:

"He embodies in his political convictions, in his life, all that is good in an American citizen, all that is pure and loyal, all that the most exacting could desire; a statesman of ripe experience, a philosopher, a patriot without a peer, on this or any other continent. Peerless, bold, determined, thoroughly united to the interests of the great mass of his countrymen, who would make, and will make an ideal candidate for the exalted office of president of the United States. Since the result of the election of 1896 was known to the American people, among the fusion forces of the United States there has been but one name connected with the office and with the nomination at this time. He is the embodiment of all that opposes plutocracy, that opposes greed, that opposes the exercise of criminal power in public life. He is, in my judgment, the most American citizen of the age. I think he is, as an orator, as a statesman, the equal of Webster and Clay, if not their superior. He was a Nebraskan, but belongs now to the world. Without further discussion, without further description of this magnificent man, I present to this convention, this hero, this statesman and orator, William Jennings Bryan."

Inequality.

The law says, "Thou shalt not steal a horse," and the punishment is confinement in the penitentiary.

The law says, "Thou shalt not form a trust," and the punishment is confinement in the penitentiary. But if a man steals a horse they bound him with bloodhounds; if he organizes a trust, they give him a banquet.—W. J. Bryan.

"Peace" in the Philippines.

Up to date the casualties in the Philippines as reported from Washington are as follows, the last report being dated May 1:

Killed.....	682
Died of wounds, disease and accidents.....	1,224
Total deaths.....	1,906
Wounded.....	2,982
Total loss.....	3,892

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THE UNELECTED INFANT.

An Unelected Infant sighed out its little breath And wandered through the darkness along the shore of death. Until the gates of heaven, agleam with pearls; it spied, And ran to them and clung there, and would not be denied— Though still from earth rose mutterings: "You cannot enter in; Depart unto Gehenna, you child of wrath and sin."

At last the gates were opened; a man with features mild, Stopped down and raised the weeping and Unelected child. Immortal light thrilled softly down the avenues of bliss.

As on the infant's forehead the spirit placed a kiss. "Who are you, thus to hallow my Unelected hour?" "Dear child, my name was Calvin—but I see things better now." —Boston Transcript.

FROM THE WAYSIDE.

Looking on the bright side of life does not cause weak eyes. There is a Goodland bachelor so stuck on himself that he can't get stuck on any of the girls.

Within the past four years William J. Bryan has traveled over 100,000 miles for the purpose of speechmaking. Senator Vest is the only member of the senate at present who served in the confederate senate during the civil war.

The Transvaal government has 25,000,000 of bullion in Pretoria, and is said to be coining 300,000 sovereigns per month. A Goodland man considers himself very liberal with his wife because he invested \$10 in hose for her—to water the lawn.

Thomas B. Reed: Everything in this world goes by contraries. You never can get the things you want nor refuse the things you don't want.

On investigation it will probably be found that the flour trust that recently went to pieces has not been dining regularly at President Hadley's, of Yale.

All the soap in Paraguay is made from cocoa oil. Cows eat the pulp from the nuts, leaving the hull inclosing the kernel clean and smooth. A cow will clean forty or fifty nuts per night.

Prof. Harnock, a Berlin theologian, has come forward with the startling theory that the Epistle to the Romans was written by a woman—probably Priscilla, whom Paul mentions in one of his letters.

Oom Paul Kruger is certainly not devoid of all sense of humor. He is said to have remarked recently that he knew the moon was not inhabitable, for if it was England would have already annexed it.

A rural correspondent in an eastern paper writes thus of a society wedding: "The groom's present to the bride was handsome diamond brooch, besides many other beautiful things in out glass."

"Burning your oil in daytime is as bad as the foolish virgins," remarked the Old Seer. "Well," replied the Young Philosopher, "those whose deeds are evil shun light, mine not being evil I desire more light."

The colonel of a certain regiment upon arriving in Manila called upon Gen. Otis and was asked how many sharpshooters he had in his command. After doing a little mental arithmetic the colonel replied: "I have about 1,000 sharpshooters and 1,335 crap shooters."

"The chickens, they lay eggs in Kansas," and more the old hens can even hatch a she kitten from a long rooster egg; at least, as a Goodland lady was lifting the parental wings of a hen that had about served her time, she found to her great surprise that eleven eggs and a new hatched cat possessed the nest. The kitten mewed, the hen clucked; two of a kind, but 'tis bad luck.

Uncooked celery in the latest addition to the expurgated list of foods. Some investigator has discovered that the manure used in the cultivation of this vegetable is laden with the germs of enteric fever, and that in the ordinary process of washing it is impossible to remove all of the fertilizer, any single particle of which that may remain may contain a sufficient number of typhoid bacilli to fill a hospital with patients.

The rise in the cost of building materials has led to the suspension of work on thirty government buildings which are in various stages of erection in different parts of the United States. The appropriations for these structures were made when materials were cheaper and the amount of money at the command of the government officials is not sufficient to permit the completion of the work without further appropriations to meet the deficiency.

This story is told by a young woman who teaches the young idea how to shoot in one of the Philadelphia public schools: "I was dismissing the pupils the other day when I noticed one, a new boy, hopping down the steps on one leg, holding the other straight out in the air in front of him. I called to him but he made his escape. The next day he repeated the same performance and this time I took good care that he did not get away. 'Here, Johnny,' I said, 'why don't you go down stairs right? What sort of a leg have you, anyway?' 'Cork,' replied the boy. When I discovered that he was speaking the truth I was considerably abashed."

A French medical journal publishes some interesting, if not reliable, data upon baldness, which it claims affects 12 per cent of the male population. In the cases of doctors this proportion is doubled, but musicians, with a few exceptions, retain their hair until late in life. Brass wind instruments cause baldness, the trombone especially being said to remove the player's hair in less than five years. The piano and violin have the opposite effect, preventing and arresting the falling out of the hair. The physician who made these curious investigations gives no reason for the result, but claims that they may be verified by observing the musicians in an orchestra and the members of regimental bands, taking especially notice of those afflicted with so-called "trumpet-er's baldness."

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LINCOLN WOULD LET 'EM DO IT

Little Chicago Girl Who Was Sorely Shocked at a Revelation of Slavery.

The epidemic of "coon songs" which now rages where once the milder "negro melodies" were prevalent is doubtless responsible for the befogged condition of the mind of a seven-year-old pupil in a Highland Park school. The birthday of Abraham Lincoln had been made much of in the primary department and the teacher had dwelt with special emphasis upon the emancipation proclamation and the consequent striking of the chains from the negroes, says the Chicago Chronicle.

Not long after the Lincoln celebration half an hour was given over one day in accordance with school custom to nature study. The teacher selected the subject of "coons"; told the children how they prowled about at night and stole the farmers' corn, and how in return the farmers set traps for them, and, catching them, put collars on their necks and chained them up to trees, where they kept them captive. The teacher became aware that a little girl in the front seat was looking at her with a more serious expression than the story seemed to call for. In a moment a hand went up and the little one was on her feet.

"Teacher," she said, "I shouldn't think Mr. Lincoln would let 'em do it, and, anyway, I know my papa wouldn't dare try to put a chain and collar on our cook."

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 PUBLICATION NOTICE.

IN the district court within and for the county of Sherman in the state of Kansas. McKinley-Lanning Loan & Trust Co., plaintiff, vs. John G. Lison and Lizzie Lison, husband and wife, Joseph S. Miles, Macaga Wright and Mrs. Macaga Wright, his wife, whose first and real name is unknown to plaintiff, and John Doe, real name unknown, defendants. To the above named defendants, and each one of you, you and each of you will take notice that the said McKinley-Lanning Loan & Trust Co., plaintiff, did, on the 15th day of March, 1900, file its petition in said district court within and for the county of Sherman in the state of Kansas, against said above named defendants, and each of you must answer said petition filed as aforesaid on or before the 12th day of May, 1900, or said petition will be taken as true, and a judgment rendered in said action against said defendants, John G. Lison and Lizzie Lison, husband and wife, for the sum of \$100, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the 1st day of April, 1900, and for costs of suit; and a further judgment against said defendants above named and each and all of you for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage upon the following described real estate, to-wit: The north-east quarter (NE¼) of section twenty-nine (29) in township eight (8) south of range forty (40) west of the Sixth principal meridian, lying and situated in the county of Sherman in the state of Kansas, and adjoining that the said plaintiff have the first lien on said premises, to the amount for which judgment will be taken as aforesaid, and ordering said premises to be sold without appraisement, and the proceeds applied to the payment of the amount due plaintiff and costs of suit, and forever barring and foreclosing said defendants, and each of them, of and from all right, title, estate, interest, property, and equity of redemption, in or to said premises, or any part thereof.

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